

DOORS SWING OPEN

White House Latch. String Hangs Out for the World.

Anybody Could Shake Hands With Taft Today.

HIS FIRST RECEPTION.

The Diplomats Appear in Full Dress Uniform.

Headed by Italian Ambassador, Dean of the Corps.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The event which from almost the first days of the republic has distinguished the celebration of the advent of the new year in Washington, the president's

\$5,000. Mr. Steffens was assisted in fighting the blaze by his wife, mother-in-law, maids and neighbors, including members of the South Beach military fire department, of which J. Kennedy, pod, banker, and Irving Bachelor, artist, are members.

KNOCKED OUT BY ICE.

False Structure of McKinley Bridge Demolished at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Three hundred feet of false structure of the McKinley bridge, now under construction across the Mississippi river, was knocked out by an ice jam at 5 o'clock last evening.

Sixty-nine men were thrown into the river and some of them may have been drowned.

One hundred and fifty men were at work on the structure when the jam began to move. Seventy of them heard the warning snap of the timbers in time to escape to the steel work, but sixty others went down in the twisted mass of timbers. Three hoisting engines and a traveler also went down, imperiling the struggling men below.

Captain John Short, in charge of a tug and two barges frozen in, picked

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Senator Brewster Will Be in Attorney General Race.

His Strange Silence Is Regarded as Significant.

DAWSON IS ALSO IN.

Means a Lively Contest for the Place.

C. W. Trickett Is Regarded as on Waiting List.

A well known politician from the northern part of the First congressional district, who was a state house member this week, gave it as his opinion that State Senator S. M. Brewster

NEW YEAR FOG.

Topeka Given a Taste of London Weather.

Prof. Thorpe B. Jennings explained the new year's fog which settled on Topeka this morning, as a rank mistake. He says the clouds got mixed in the address, and moved into the first floor flat instead of the garret. Otherwise, Prof. Jennings seems to be in normal condition, and enjoying a happy New year.

The lowest temperature reached during the past 24 hours, was 34 at 7 o'clock this morning. The streets remained slushy all night, but according to forecast, will glaze over again this afternoon. The mercury started on its downward trip early in the day, dropping one degree before 9 o'clock. To night and Sunday may expect some real cold weather.

Badly mixed weather conditions prevail all over the northern hemisphere. Last night it was cold in Florida and warm at Medicine Hat. It was also cold in the east.

Although the temperature at noon today was four degrees warmer than at noon yesterday, the government forecast is to the effect that there will be snow tonight or Sunday, and that the temperature tonight will fall below freezing point. Last night there was a slight freeze at the surface, but this did not extend into the ground. The temperature today was as follows:

7 o'clock.....34 10 o'clock.....40
8 o'clock.....33 11 o'clock.....43
9 o'clock.....38 12 o'clock.....44

AS NEW YEAR CAME IN.

Novelty Theater Watch Party Terminates With Good Feeling.

It was just one minute until 12 o'clock.

The doorkeeper at the Novelty theater lighted a cigarette.

He knew that the dawn of the New Year was at hand but he didn't think. Complacently he pulled on the little paper roll of tobacco.

And then, the clatter began. Or course he knew about it, and was exclaiming it.

But he had been oblivious to the fact that the hour was quite so near at hand.

The cigarette dropped from his mouth. Noisily, the din became more accentuated.

Bang—bang—bang—Bang, a gun roared, everywhere the sounds were that of pandemonium.

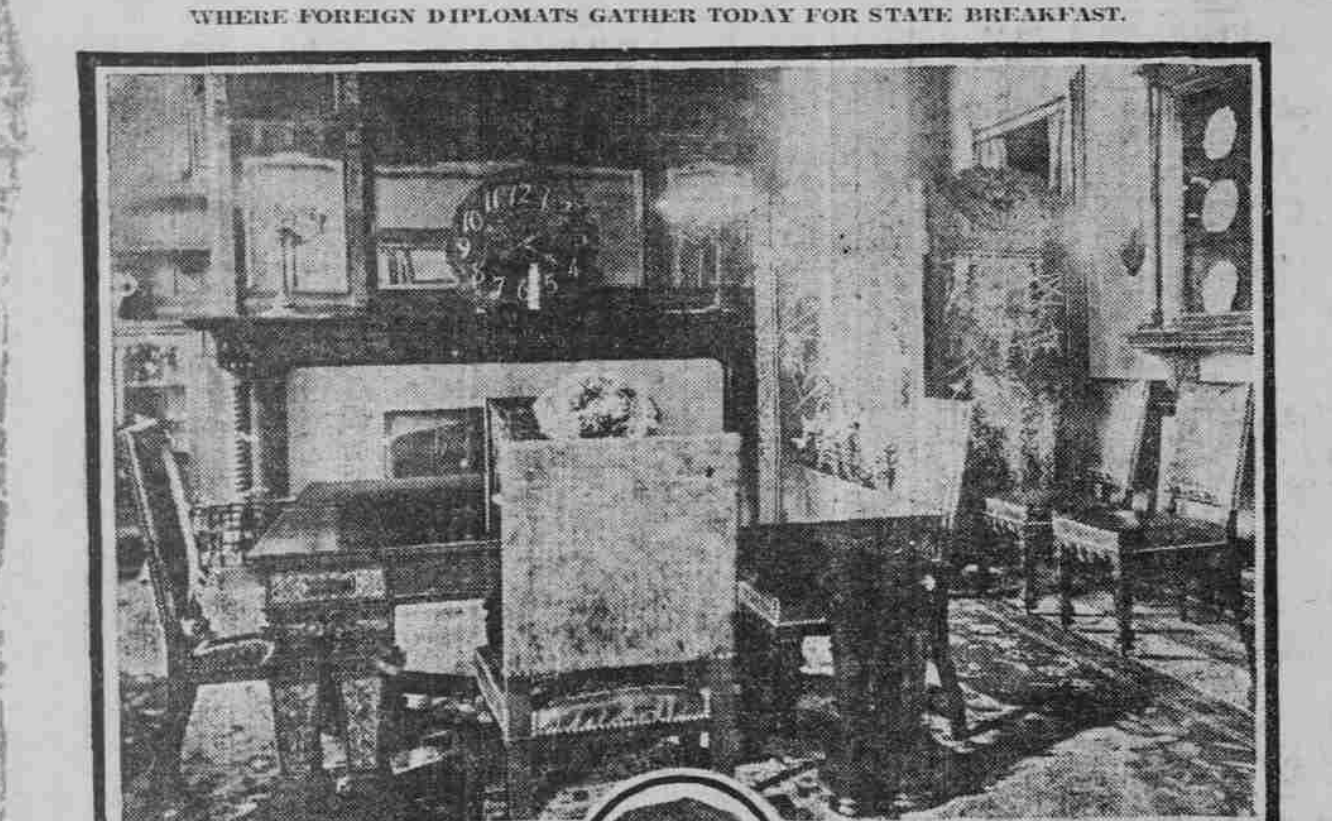
The motion picture portion of the special show was running.

It was a solemn situation that had been reached when the New Year was ushered in.

But that made no difference. For it was New Year's.

And the night watch of the stage people was soon brought to a close, in a furious outburst.

They had seen the New Year in. And with the spirit of the hour they left the theater.



Reception at the White House, took on a new interest today as the first public reception planned for the administration of Mr. Taft.

On New Year's day the White House doors swing open to all the world and during the appointed hours the reception for the citizens, the poor and humble pass in review and receive the handshake of the chief executive on equal footing with the richest of the community.

The public reception, of course, always is preceded by an hour or more of formality, when the president greets the members of the cabinet, the diplomats, the senators and representatives, the high officials of the government, the officers of the army and navy and members of the various civic organizations who pass through the famous blue room at hours especially set apart for them.

Some idea of the magnitude to which the New Year's reception at the White House has grown can be had from the fact that President Roosevelt during the last two or three years of his term attained a high water mark of shaking hands with more than 8,000 men and women.

The early period of the reception was made gay and impressive as usual today by the appearance of the diplomats in the full dress uniforms of their rank and distinction in the countries from which they are accredited. There were many new faces in the diplomatic line, which was headed by Baron Des Fouches, the Italian ambassador, dean of the corps, in Washington.

The introductions were made by Colonel Spencer Cosby, of the army; major dome of the White House, assisted by Captain Butt, Lieutenant Commander Palmer and others.

The Knox Breakfast. Washington, Jan. 1.—While the president's reception today furnishes the most interesting spectacle of the New Year's celebration, the breakfast at the home of the secretary of state, Philander C. Knox, to the foreign diplomats is but little less important. This year Mrs. P. C. Knox was the hostess, assisted by her only daughter, Mrs. J. R. Tindie.

ON WAVE OF CHAMPAGNE

The New Year Is Ushered in at New York City.

New York, Jan. 1.—Eight bells, tapped the quartermaster of the flagship. Eight bells, sounded every other battlement of the Atlantic squadron, and as the mingled voices of the bells, offered by the water, flowed to shore, they blended with the remonstrant echoes of Old Trinity of Grace church and of St. Patrick's cathedral. It was the end of a watch, the end of a day, the end of a year.

Down town the new year rode in an uptown the quartermaster of the flag-tensand guests paid from \$10 to \$50 a seat for their reservations at local restaurants. It is estimated the merry makers left \$1,500,000 behind them with restaurateurs and hotel keepers.

Mrs. Sage Gives \$500,000. New Haven, Jan. 1.—Announcement is made at Yale of an offer by Mrs. Russell Sage to the university of a gift of \$500,000 to be used for the purpose of erecting the entire cost of securing the thirty-acre park at the head of Hill House avenue, known as the Stamen Wood estate, or Hill house property. The offer will be accepted.

Lincoln Steffens Has a Fire. New York, Jan. 1.—The residence of Lincoln Steffens, well known as a contributor to magazines, was badly damaged by the last night. The house, which is at Riverside near New Rochelle, was damaged to the extent of



Dining Room in the Home of Philander C. Knox. At Left, Mrs. J. R. Tindie, Only Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philander C. Knox, who Assisted Her Mother in Receiving the Foreign Diplomats. At Right, Mrs. P. C. Knox, Wife of the Secretary of State, Who Was Hostess to the Foreign Diplomatic Corps.

up forty of the men and got them ashore after a two hours' battle with the ice, which is jammed six feet high in many places. Several times the barges threaten to crush the tug and several times the vessel nearly turned turtle when forced upon the ice by pressure behind it. Twenty men who were unable to reach the tug are believed to have reached shore across the floating ice floor, but company officials said they would not know whether any lives were lost until today when the men will be paid off.

The property loss is estimated at \$250,000 and completion of the bridge will be delayed several months. The bridge is being built by the Illinois Traction system.

FIRE IN STANTON HOME.

Damage Is About \$300.—One of Truck Horses Hurt.

A blaze was started yesterday in the home of J. F. Stanton, 1211 Western avenue, caused by a defective flue, which resulted in a loss of two or three hundred dollars' worth of property. The roof of the two-story dwelling was partially burned and some damage done to the second floor. The fire at first was obstinate but soon yielded to the efforts of the firemen.

While the run was being made to the fire, the aerial truck was thundering over a wet spot on the straight course Harry, a gray horse that has been in service on the truck for six weeks, fell and at the same time the breast strap snapped. The unfortunate horse fell under the brake beam, and Tom, the center horse, struck him with his shoe, cutting a gash across his breast three inches in width and a foot in length. It was necessary to stitch the wound, and it will probably be at least two weeks before the fire horse will again be able to go into service. His place was taken by Rex, "the old faithful," the horse that has seen ten years of hard service.

When the accident happened the horses slid for a distance of 125 feet as they were going at a rapid pace.

Shortly after new year was ushered in the fire department was called to the home of Mrs. McCormick, 318 East Fifth street. A slight blaze was started, according to the men who made the run, in all probability by a discarded cigarette or cigar stub. A pair of trousers or two was the extent of the damage.

Surrender Their Charters.

Little Rock, Jan. 1.—Since June 1 one hundred and two corporations, principally domestic, have surrendered their charters in Arkansas. The majority of these are still operating on a partnership basis. The dissolution was due to the stringent taxes, both state and federal.

of Doniphan county would be a candidate for attorney general in 1910. Senator Brewster himself has been as close mouthed on the occasion of his recent visits to Topeka as the disciples of Acolytus, but it is this very reticence of the Doniphan senator that has aroused suspicion. He has not had one single word to say about local or district politics the past three months when pressed by the reporters for some utterance. He makes a pilgrimage to Topeka once or twice a month, he keeps in close touch with affairs, yet he will not discuss ever so brightly any of the public issues that the people of the state are deeply interested in at this time. He comes to Topeka like a shipment of Baltimore oysters and he leaves with his shell unopened.

That he has designs on something there is no doubt. His silence is oppressive, ominous. His look of unconcern is eloquent. His every movement, however unstudied, indicates design. The very checks upon his clothes point to the concentration of effort as plainly as a printed page.

Now comes a courier out of Britain, or Brown county, and gives it all away. Brewster, the silent one, is filled with unspoken thoughts. He is conducting a campaign for attorney general. His people are with him in this ambition and his record will not be any handicap to him.

The senator from Doniphan made good in the last legislature. He was a new senator and a strong man all in one term. He looks like Alexandre Dumas and he acted like Cato the Younger.

John Dawson is a candidate for attorney general, and if Brewster gets into the race there will be a red hot fight between two worthy foemen. Both are of the younger set and each has peculiar qualifications that fit him to bid for public favor.

C. W. Trickett of Kansas City has been mentioned as a candidate for this office, but the announcement has not been taken seriously by anyone outside of Trickett himself and his office assistant.

The Kansas Democrats have returned to their first love. They have decided not to invite Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio as the principal speaker at their banquet on Washington's birthday, but instead of this anti-Bryan man they have asked ex-Governor Thomas of Colorado to speak on that occasion. Governor Thomas is a close friend of William J.

John Schenck of Topeka and Senator Hodges of Olathe are the other speakers already decided upon. Both are candidates for governor. Leading Democrats all over the state are deeply interested in this banquet and the indications now are that it will be the biggest and best in the history of the party in this state. The Democrats have hopes for next year. They see in the Republican factor a chance to gather in some grain.

FIRST TRAIN OVER LINE.

Garden City and Scott City Connected by New Railroad.

Garden City, Kan., Jan. 1.—Walk to the Tenth street depot, take the Garden City, Gulf & Northern road to Scott, then, if you care to ride as far as you like east or west on the Missouri Pacific. This was made possible Friday morning by the inauguration of a regular train service on the Garden City, Gulf & Northern railroad, just completed.

Thursday night the last spike was driven in the road that connects Garden City to Scott and which opens up transportation facilities and conveniences never enjoyed by western Kansas before.

The first trip was made by the officers and directors of the board and a limited number of friends, and the road was open to the public.

ONLY THREE KILLED.

Results of Rock Island Wreck Not So Bad as First Reported.

Trenton, Mo., Jan. 1.—Only three people, two of whom were women, were killed when the Rock Island passenger train No. 3, the California special, wrecked two miles south of here yesterday. The injured number over 40.

Trenton, Mo., Jan. 1.—Search today of the wreckage of the three cars of the California special on the Rock Island, derailed and burned near here yesterday, revealed no further trace of bodies, and officials of the road definitely placed the number of dead at three. The body of the unknown woman was identified today as that of a Mrs. Hedricks, of Chicago, aged 25. She was on her way to Kansas City on a local train.

She was awaiting the arrival of Mr. Hedricks.

Bones discovered in the debris of the baggage car proved to be those of a man. The body is being held in a morgue.

All of the forty-three injured were resting easy today. W. I. Millington, the engineer, is suffering greatly, but it is believed he will recover.

The cause of the wreck was still a mystery when the coroner began an inquest here this morning. Railway officials are making a thorough investigation in an effort to place the blame.

DEFICIT IS CUT DOWN.

An Increase in Revenue Receipts of Nearly Forty Millions.

Washington, Jan. 1.—An increase in customs receipts of \$30,743,720 and in internal revenues of \$8,412,000 during the first six months of the fiscal year 1910, as compared with the corresponding period of the fiscal year 1909, is the showing of the operations of the treasury, according to the latest figures available, which lack one or two days of being complete.

The deficit for 1910 in the matter of ordinary receipts and expenditures is \$26,140,025, as against \$55,447,502 during the first six months of 1909, which figures do not take into account postal revenues and disbursements, except the postal deficit, nor do they include \$16,211,979 paid for work on the Panama canal.

MUST FIGHT SOME MORE.

Estrada Had Hoped for Recognition by Uncle Sam.

Bluefields, Jan. 1.—Hope that the war would be brought to an end through the recognition of the provisional government by the United States has been abandoned. Many believe that two more battles must be fought, one in the state of Chontales and the other near Managua. There is a popular feeling of gratitude toward the United States because of the attention given the wounded by physicians from the cruisers and the supplies sent for the relief of the half starved prisoners of war. There is, however, some disappointment that the United States has not formally recognized the government of Estrada.

The impression was strong that Secretary Knox awaited only a decisive victory by General Estrada before giving him the moral support of the Washington government. Such a victory was won more than a week ago and still no encouraging word is received from Washington.

If another battle is fought it is likely that no fewer than 12,000 men will be engaged. Preparations for the campaign in the west continue. The next ten days will be devoted to obtaining more rifles, with a view to equipping 2,000 additional soldiers.

This will bring the provisional strength up to 6,000 men. A schooner has been sent to Cape Gracias and will bring here horses and mules to be used on the long march toward Managua.

The insurgent generals have signed a solemn pact that they will stand as a unit with Estrada until the last vestige of Zelaya is blotted from Nicaragua.

The peace commissioners which President Diaz announced he was sending to negotiate with Estrada have not arrived.

The American gunboat Eagle has gone to Bocas Del Toro to make observations. The British cruiser Seylla, which brought a duplicate of the letter sent by Madrid to Estrada on December 22, also has departed from this port.

Madrid Sends Aid. Managua, Jan. 1.—President Madrid has sent \$2,000 in gold to aid the work of the Red Cross among the prisoners of war at Bluefields.

Generals Toledo and Vasquez have been ordered to the front. It is said General Toledo is going to Greytown, where an attack on the government troops now in possession of the city is planned. Vasquez, it is rumored, is going to Acopya, where it is likely a battle may be fought before many days.

TROUBLE ABOUT THE PRIMARY.

May Be Necessary to Hold Two on Account of Commission Plan.

An unforeseen and unprovided for difficulty and expense to the city resulting from the adoption of the commission form of government has presented itself to Mayor Green for solution. The question is how to avoid the expense and inconvenience of two primaries within two weeks of each other for the purpose of nominating candidates for the board of education.

The mayor has talked to Sheriff J. D. Norton, who is president of the board of education, concerning the difficulty and has presented the matter to Attorney General Jackson for an opinion as to how one primary can be made to serve for the two.

GREATER PROSPERITY.

Is the Outlook for 1910, Say Prominent New Yorkers.

New York, Jan. 1.—Prominent men in New York city are optimistic regarding the outlook for the year 1910. Greater prosperity is their unanimous prediction. Here is what some of them say:

William Loeb, jr., collector of the port: "I greet 1910 with hope and satisfaction. It will be prosperous, if the present increase in the volume of business continues, and the indications are that it will."

Senator Chauncey M. Depew: "This New Year's day is marked by less unrest, dissatisfaction, mental dyspepsia and crankiness than any other in my recollection. It is full of hope for peace, prosperity and plenty."

W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central: "In general prosperity 1910 will exceed the record of any previous year. I look for a general improvement and development of railways of the country."

Mayor George B. McClellan: "The city and the country are both better off than they were a year ago. 1910 will see a steady advancement in morals and education as well as in material prosperity."

Timothy L. Woodruff: "It will be a banner year for the nation. Republican policies prevail and a staunch Republican prosperity will fill the air with good things."

HIS SECRET IS SAFE.

Dr. Schell Refuses to Make Public Ray Lamphere's Confession.

Mount Pleasant, Ia., Jan. 1.—The Rev. Edwin A. Schell, president of the Iowa Wesleyan university, refuses to make public the confession he obtained from Ray Lamphere when the latter was in jail at Laporte, Ind.

It was believed that in view of Lamphere's death in the Michigan City prison, Dr. Schell would tell what the Guinness suspect confided to him, thus clearing up much of the mystery surrounding the Indiana murder farm.

FOR A PUBLIC PARK.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman Would Give New York State 10,000 Acres.

Newburgh, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Edward H. Harriman has offered to the State of New York for park purposes 10,000 of 20,000 acres included in the famous Harriman estate in Orange county. One of the cherished intentions of the late E. H. Harriman was to give this property to the state to be used forever as a great public park free to all the people of the state.

Westerner Gives \$50,000. Washington, Jan. 1.—From the Central West has come a notice of a gift of \$50,000 which a philanthropist purposes to bestow on the American university, the educational seat of the Methodist Episcopal church of the United States in this city. The name of the benefactor has been withheld for the present, but the university authorities promise an announcement of its purpose later.

QUIGG BELIEVED INSANE.

Atchison Relatives Say He Suffered From an Old Injury.

Atchison, Kan., Jan. 1.—Frank Quigg, who was shot and killed at Harrah, Okla., was born and reared in this city. His relatives here believe he was insane while attempting to rob the bank at Harrah. Last spring, while in Houston, Tex., he slipped while taking a bath, his head striking against the bathtub.

Since then his relatives here had been worried about his mental condition. He was a professional baseball player, and last season was an umpire in the Texas State league. He bore a good reputation in Atchison.

MILLIONAIRE'S WILL.

Stoughton J. Fletcher, Indianapolis Banker, Leaves Three Millions.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 1.—An estate of the estimated value of about \$3,000,000 is disposed of by the terms of the will of Stoughton J. Fletcher, the Indianapolis banker, who died at Gallatin, Tenn., December 25. The will was filed in probate court yesterday by Edward E. Gates, attorney for Stoughton A. Fletcher, the son.

The will, which was executed February 23, 1904, leaves the entire estate to Stoughton A. Fletcher, the only son, and to the three daughters—Mrs. Julia B. Fletcher-Barnard of Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. L. E. Logan of Chicago, Ill.; and Miss Elida Fletcher of Indianapolis.

HAS A BROKEN HEAD.

Multimillionaire Tries to Pass Between Two Moving Cars.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—F. H. Jermyn, 50 years old, reputed to be a multimillionaire and one of the best known coal mine operators in the United States, was struck down and probably fatally injured by a street car here early today.

Jermyn, with several friends, attempted to cross between two cars which were going in opposite directions. His friends had narrow escapes, but the millionaire was hurled several feet, and picked up unconscious. At the hospital it was found that his skull was fractured and that he had probably been injured internally.

HE GIVES \$50,000.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—As a result of the Young Men's Christian association collecting subscriptions of \$600,000 toward the \$1,000,000 anniversary fund, John G. Shield sent a check for \$50,000 to officers of the association.

Mr. Shield was one of the originators of the plan for collecting a \$1,000,000 fund by popular subscription and when the plan first was talked of promised to contribute \$100,000. One half of the sum was to be given when the first \$500,000 was subscribed and the remainder after the full amount had been collected.

Miss Logan Is Engaged. New York, Jan. 1.—Mrs. John A. Logan, Jr., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Marie Louise Logan, to Henri De Sincay of Brussels, Belgium. M. De Sincay is the son of Gaston De Sincay of Brussels, who is at the head of the zinc industry of Belgium.